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## **Dimock Daily Report**

**Date: February 23, 2012**

### **COMMUNICATIONS** (Jennie Saxe)

- Today, staff from several Congressional committees and Member offices received an update from Region 3 staff on activities to date in the Dimock groundwater investigation. Staff from the Senate Environment and Public Works, Senate Energy and Natural Resources, House Energy and Commerce, and House Science and Technology Committees as well as multiple staff from Congressman Marino's office participated in the call which was arranged by the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR). Region 3 staff provided an update on the status of sampling activities, an overview of results to date, review of data, coordination with the State and Cabot, and next steps in the groundwater investigation. Congressman Marino's staff had significant interest in and concerns about EPA's statutory authority under CERCLA to perform this sampling and provide water. Other questions centered on EPA's authorities, spills in the Dimock area, and State coordination.

### **LEGAL ISSUES** (Humane Zia)

- Humane Zia from the Office of Regional Council (ORC) contacted Cabot's counsel for clarification on the water supply information they provided in their presentation at our February 22, 2012 meeting. Cabot's counsel committed to get back to us with this information. ORC (Heather Gray) also spoke with PADEP's counsel, Donna Duffy, regarding the February 22 meeting with Cabot.